

# Canada's First Nations

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Answer the following questions, using pages 60-72 of *Geography Now* as a resource.

1. Summarize each of the boxes of Figure 7.2 on page 61 so that you have a concise definition of all seven terms used to describe Canadian Aboriginals.
  - Aboriginal Peoples -
    - First Nations -
      - Status Indian -
      - Non-Status Indian -
      - Treaty Indian -
    - Inuit -
    - Métis -
2. Study the map in Figure 7.5 on page 64 that shows Aboriginal language groups at the time of European contact.
  - a) Which provinces and/or territories have large numbers of First Nations people?
  - b) Which provinces and/or territories have concentrations of Inuit?
  - c) Which provinces have small numbers of Aboriginal peoples?
  - d) Which Aboriginal language group is found in southern Ontario?
  - e) Based on the map, in what ways might the border between Canada and the United States be a problem for Aboriginal peoples?

3. Locate the current population of all of the provinces and territories in Canada (perhaps from your agenda, the internet, or an atlas). Using those statistics and the Total Aboriginal Population column in Figure 7.4 on page 63 (copied for you below), calculate the percentage of Aboriginals that live in each province, then rank the provinces in order from highest percentage of Aboriginals to lowest percentage of Aboriginals.

<b>Province or Territory</b>	<b>Aboriginal Population</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Percentage of Aboriginals</b>	<b>Rank of Percentages</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	18 775			
Prince Edward Island	1345			
Nova Scotia	17 010			
New Brunswick	16 990			
Quebec	79 400			
Ontario	188 315			
Manitoba	150 045			
Saskatchewan	130 185			
Alberta	156 225			
British Columbia	170 025			
Yukon Territory	6540			
Northwest Territories	18 730			
Nunavut	22 720			
<b>Canada</b>	<b>976 305</b>			--

Which provinces and/or territories have the greatest percentage of Aboriginal peoples? Why?

Which provinces and/or territories have the lowest percentage of Aboriginal peoples? Why?

4. Explain why Aboriginal leaders have made land claims against governments in Canada.
  
5. What are two reasons that governments might be reluctant to settle land claims?
  
6. Why might some other Canadians not support land claim settlements?
  
7. Study the maps in Figures 7.9 to 7.12 on pages 69 and 70. For each map, identify the patterns and the challenges that these patterns might present in developing human systems in Nunavut.

Map Topic	Geographic Patterns	Challenges for Human Systems